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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REPORTS NO DECISION ON LIFTING
OF OIL EMBARGO UNTIL AFTER SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT

1. FEBRUARY 16 AKHBAR STATES THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN
REACHED ABOUT RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THAT
THIS DECISION RESTS WITH EGYPT "WHICH INSISTS ON NO RESUMPTION
OF GENEVA TALKS UNLESS SYRIA ATTENDS." SYRIA, AKHBAR'S
WRITER CONTINUES, WILL NOT ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE UNLESS
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS WORKED OUT. SYRIANS HAVE SUBMITTED
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NEW PROPOSAL ON DISENGAGEMENT WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN

WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, THEN PASSED ON TO ISRAELIS. ARTICLE STATES THAT SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT WILL LEAD TO DECISION TO RESUME GENEVA TALKS; "SUBSEQUENTLY THE ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WILL DEFINE THEIR STAND CONCERNING THEIR OIL DEALINGS WITH AMERICA." ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT (A) NO AGREEMENT ON SYRIAN/ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED; (B) ARAB OIL PRODUCERS HAVE NOT DEFINED THEIR STAND TOWARD LIFTING OF OIL BOYCOTT; AND (C) FAHMY'S AND SAQQAF'S MISSION TO WASHINGTON AIMS AT REACHING SOLUTION TO DISENGAGEMENT PROBLEM. "ONCE THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THE ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WILL CHANGE THEIR STAND."

2. AKHBAR'S REPORT IS GENERALLY PARALLELED BY THOSE IN AHRAH AND GUMHURIYYA, INDICATING THAT AGREEMENT ON SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT IS PRECONDITION TO LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO, AND IMPLYING THAT INITIATIVE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS RESTS WITH US.
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